

**HOUSEHOLD DATA  
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED  
QUARTERLY AVERAGES**

**E-10. Unemployed persons by duration of unemployment, seasonally adjusted**  
[Numbers in thousands]

Duration	2008		2009				2010				2011		
	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED</b>													
Less than 5 weeks.....	3,010	3,247	3,433	3,240	3,012	2,967	2,766	2,745	2,821	2,736	2,506	2,810	2,738
5 to 14 weeks.....	2,895	3,293	3,875	4,161	3,786	3,522	3,312	3,066	3,344	3,316	3,008	2,924	3,014
15 weeks and over.....	3,398	4,182	5,334	7,044	8,058	8,845	8,905	8,906	8,566	8,741	8,249	8,051	8,251
15 to 26 weeks.....	1,541	1,811	2,367	3,010	2,892	2,945	2,589	2,219	2,248	2,407	2,140	1,942	2,097
27 weeks and over.....	1,857	2,371	2,968	4,035	5,166	5,900	6,317	6,687	6,317	6,334	6,108	6,110	6,154
Average (mean) duration, in weeks <sup>1</sup> .....	17.8	19.5	20.3	22.8	25.7	28.5	30.7	34.1	33.6	34.0	37.7	39.3	40.4
Median duration, in weeks.....	9.8	10.3	11.5	14.9	16.6	19.8	20.0	23.3	20.9	21.8	21.5	21.7	21.7
<b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION</b>													
Total unemployed.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 5 weeks.....	32.4	30.3	27.2	22.4	20.3	19.3	18.5	18.7	19.1	18.5	18.2	20.4	19.6
5 to 14 weeks.....	31.1	30.7	30.6	28.8	25.5	23.0	22.1	20.8	22.7	22.4	21.9	21.2	21.5
15 weeks and over.....	36.5	39.0	42.2	48.8	54.2	57.7	59.4	60.5	58.2	59.1	59.9	58.4	58.9
15 to 26 weeks.....	16.6	16.9	18.7	20.8	19.5	19.2	17.3	15.1	15.3	16.3	15.6	14.1	15.0
27 weeks and over.....	20.0	22.1	23.5	27.9	34.8	38.5	42.2	45.4	42.9	42.8	44.4	44.3	43.9

<sup>1</sup> Beginning in January 2011, this series reflects a change to the collection of data on unemployment duration. For more information, see [www.bls.gov/cps/duration.htm](http://www.bls.gov/cps/duration.htm).

NOTE: Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.